

Charlestown State Park – 2013 Hunt Fact Sheet

If you have questions, call 812-256-5600



Please print a copy of this document for your reference.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>	We appreciate your help with managing our deer population. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest <u>any</u> deer that cross your sight (within established bag limits), especially those that are <u>antlerless</u> . Removing antlerless deer is the best way to reduce population size. Doing this helps us reach our goal of a healthy park ecosystem.
DATE/TIME	The two reduction hunt dates are on November 18-19 and December 02-03. The Park will be closed from 6:00PM on November 17 th and December 01 st and will reopen at 8:00AM on November 20 th and December 4 th . Selected hunters for each reduction hunt may begin checking in at 5:00 AM each hunt day. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 4:00PM, EST on the days of the hunt. Sunrise on November 18 is 6:59AM and December 02 is 7:13AM. Hunters must be out of the park by 5:00PM. You will be required to show a photo ID (driver's license) each time you enter or exit the Park.
ELIGIBILITY	Selected hunters were randomly drawn from an on-line application and notification system.
HUNT AREA MAP	The reduction hunt area Map is available at the Park Gatehouse or Park Office.
SAFETY	Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed in the Park during the deer reduction periods. Both a <u>SOLID</u> blaze orange head covering and a <u>SOLID</u> blaze orange outer garment such as a vest, coat or overalls must be worn and exposed during the time you are hunting in the Park.
PARK ACCESS	Charlestown State Park is located northeast of Charlestown, IN on State Road 62, 1 mile north of the junction of State Roads 3 and 62. All entrances and exits to the Park must be via the Main Gate on State Road 62. You may enter the Park beginning at 5:00AM on hunt days. No camping will be allowed during the reduction hunts.
TREE STANDS/ SCOUTING	Scouting and installation of non-penetrating tree stands (with non-penetrating steps) are allowed in the Park and may take place between November 11 th and 17 th for those drawn for the first hunt period and between November 25 th and December 01 st for the second hunt period. All stands must be removed on the last day of hunting for each period. The park assumes no responsibility for tree stands at any time. Please use a five-point safety harness if you are in a tree stand, it can prevent injury or even death. Ground blinds are prohibited .
HUNT DETAILS	The park staff will not help retrieve or transport deer unless you have a valid disabled hunter's license. All firearms, which may legally be used to hunt deer in Indiana, are: shotguns, handguns, rifles with legal cartridges, muzzle loading long guns, and muzzle loading handguns. You may take up to 3 deer, only 1 of which may be antlered. Please field dress deer off trails and roads and cover the entrails with leaf litter and pick up your shell/cartridge casings. When transporting harvested deer home or to a processor, please cover the carcass or keep it in the vehicle.
RETRIEVAL	If you need to retrieve a deer from close to the Park boundary from outside of the Park, go to the main gate and request an escort/assistance before leaving the Park.
CHECK STATION	All deer taken must be checked at the Park check station located at the Main Gate before being removed from the Park. At the check station deer will be aged, sexed, and tagged.
DISABILITIES	If you have a disabled hunter's hunting license and will require special consideration or assistance, please call the park before the hunt to coordinate your special needs (812-256-5600).
HUNTER IMAGE	Please help leave a positive image of deer hunters for other park users by removing any flagging tape, spent shells and other refuse upon leaving the park.